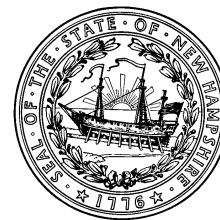


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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – March 17, 2021

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

On Wednesday, March 17, 2021, DHHS announced 327 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a current PCR test positivity rate of 1.6%. Today's results include 166 people who tested positive by PCR test and 161 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 2,212 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

- **3/16: 327** new cases

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are sixty-two individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 48% being female and 52% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (97), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (46), Strafford (38), Merrimack (24), Cheshire (16), Grafton (10), Carroll (8), Belknap (8), Coos (8), and Sullivan (5) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (27) and Nashua (18). The county of residence is being determined for twenty-two new cases.

Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Of those with complete risk information, most of the cases have had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis or are associated with an outbreak setting.

There are currently 79 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 79,367 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (updated March 17, 2021, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19	79,367
Recovered	75,953 (96%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	1,202 (2%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	2,212
Current Hospitalizations	79
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂	643,601
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ₂	38,255

Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL

69,742

Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL₃

1,023

₁Includes specimens positive at any laboratory and those confirmed by CDC confirmatory testing.

₂Includes specimens tested at the NH Public Health Laboratories (PHL), LabCorp, Quest, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and those sent to CDC prior to NH PHL testing capacity.

₃Includes specimens received and awaiting testing at NH PHL. Does not include tests pending at commercial laboratories.

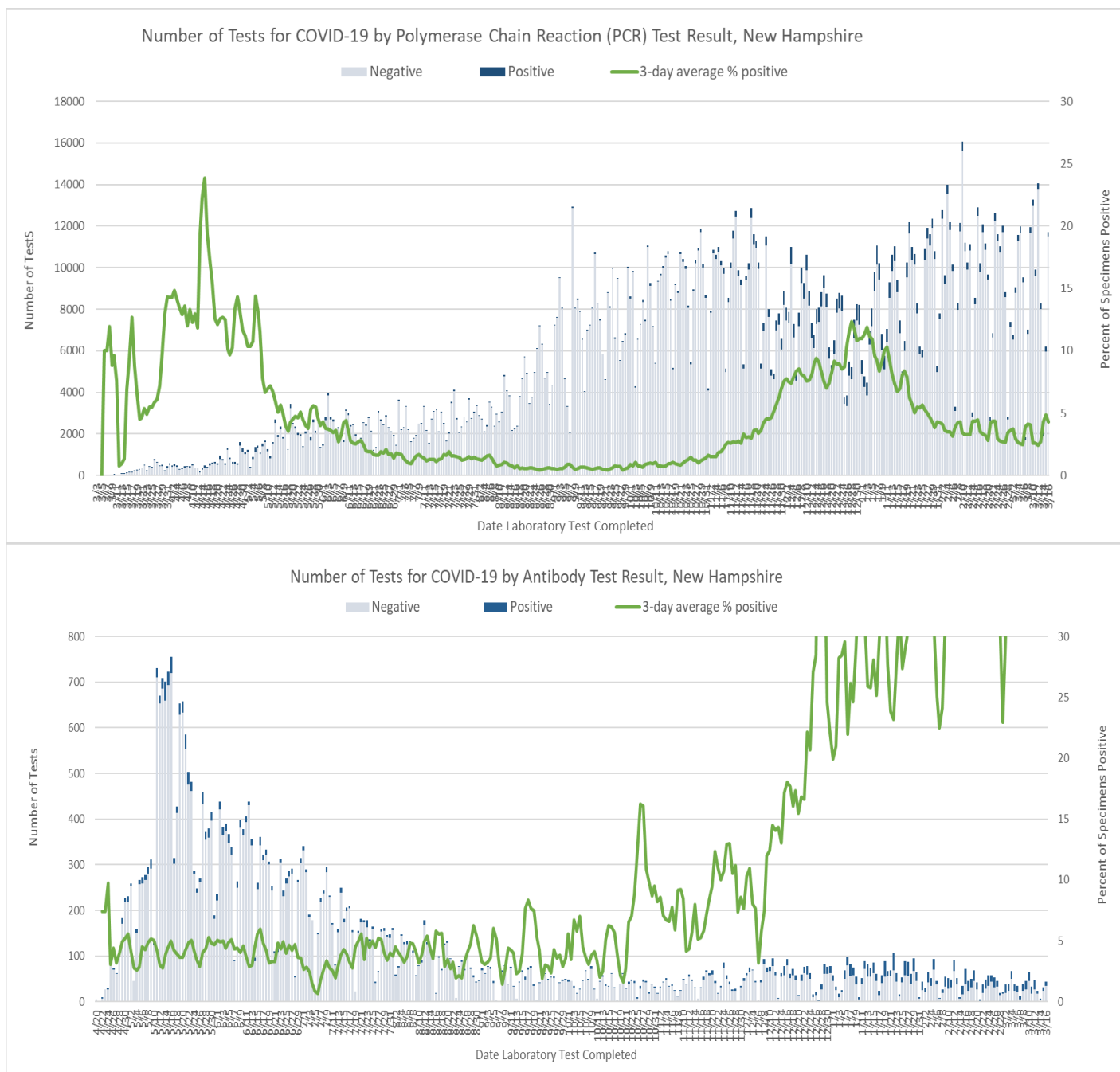
Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	3/10	3/11	3/12	3/13	3/14	3/15	3/16	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	363	363	545	362	0	53	269	279
LabCorp	577	488	541	470	216	358	486	448
Quest Diagnostics	754	584	458	442	350	261	273	446
Mako Medical	441	4	859	4	17	0	627	279
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	442	444	572	379	167	204	40	321
NorDX Laboratory	471	408	246	166	39	66	515	273
Broad Institute	4,961	2,593	5,963	3,932	736	890	4,382	3,351
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	688	430	410	230	260	343	374	391
Other Laboratory*	828	570	415	239	228	271	247	400
University of New Hampshire**	3,761	4,008	4,042	2,046	63	3,742	4,495	3,165
Total	13,286	9,892	14,051	8,270	2,076	6,188	11,708	9,353
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	3/10	3/11	3/12	3/13	3/14	3/15	3/16	Daily Average
LabCorp	15	7	14	9	0	4	8	8
Quest Diagnostics	24	11	8	5	0	5	17	10
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	13	0	7	3	1	4	1	4
NorDX Laboratory	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Other Laboratory*	8	6	8	5	3	4	1	5
Total	60	24	37	22	4	20	27	28

* Includes out-of-state public health laboratories, out-of-state hospital laboratories, and other commercial laboratories not already listed in the table.

Note: Patients who had both antibody and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests are accounted for in both tables.

** Includes tests conducted at the UNH laboartory and their contracted lab Veritas.



[NH DHHS Daily Update on COVID-19 Archive](#)

For more information, please visit the DHHS COVID-19 webpage at <https://www.nh.gov/covid19>.

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